

passion or assistance under their own sufferings.

### STORY III.

*The Exaltation of Humility, and the Abasement of Pride.*

**M**ASTER William Smith was proud, obstinate, passionate, ill-natured, fretful and whimsical, and in consequence of being a naughty boy, had very few acquaintance or playfellows, for young gentlemen were ashamed of being seen with him, lest they should be thought to resemble him, and even poor children, who were good, excused themselves from playing with him. Besides, he used them very ill, was quite fretful if he did not win at marbles, cards, &c. wanted them to oblige him in every thing,

thing, and yet would never with their desires. One Allworthy, a gentleman of tune, and excellent character, sent messages to all the little boys in the neighbourhood, poor as well as rich, that they should come to his house the next day, and whoever had a good character from his parents, and the neighbours, should receive from him a present of a good book, and wear a ribbon with the motto, "this distinguishes me."

Master Smith no sooner heard of this (his mother was dead) and told her of it, and of Allworthy's intention, that he should receive it would be a great honour to him, and that he would not doubt but he should obtain